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El recipients rise by 7.8%: StatsCan

**LABOUR** The number of people receiving regular employment insurance benefits in February increased by 44,300 — or 7.8 per cent — from the month before, according to Statistics Canada.

Alberta experienced the strongest increase, with more than 6,000 additional people on EI in February than January. Nova Scotia saw a slight increase of 660 people to 29,950.

The number of regular EI beneficiaries has climbed 21.9 per cent since October 2008, reaching a total of 610,200 in February.

In February, 325,700 claims were received, the largest number since comparable data was made available in 1997. The number of claims received in Canada in February was up 51,000 or 18.6 per cent from January.

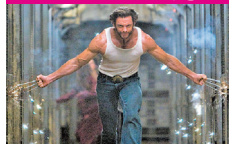
Halifax saw 6,570 people receiving regular EI benefits in February, up from 5,290 from one year ago.

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# Tories teeter on brink

Government may fall before budget released



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**The Progressive Conservative government of Nova Scotia looks ready to fall within a few days, likely before they get the chance to release a budget.**

Premier Rodney MacDonald acknowledged the likely outcome in a campaign-style speech in Halifax yesterday. At one point he made reference to not if, but "when Nova Scotians enter the voting booths." The House of Assembly will recall tomorrow and the Tories confirmed their first order of business will be a rule change allowing them to spend \$100 million in offshore money that currently has to go on the debt.

That amendment needs to pass for the budget to be valid. If both opposition parties vote against it, an election would be triggered. So far both the NDP and Liberals have refused to support the law change.

That makes a government defeat look likely for early next week, assuming the Tories don't call a snap election before then. So far, MacDonald has insisted he doesn't want to go to the polls.

"I don't believe Nova Scotians want an election," he said yesterday to a room full of party colleagues. "We don't want an election. We believe moving forward in that direction will hurt the economy."

"From the signals of the opposition, it looks the opposition is taking us down that road sooner rather than later ... They're going to have to explain to Nova Scotians why they're disrupting the capital plans for roads, for schools, for hospitals."

But Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil, who holds the balance of power in the legislature, said if MacDonald really cared about the economy, he would have brought forward a plan months ago. Nova Scotia is the last province in Canada to present a budget.

"The premier is attempting to blame others for his inability to do the job," McNeil said. "He was not concerned about the jobs of Nova Scotians, he was more concerned about his own. He was going to hold off investing on the economy, delay going back to the house until it fit his political ends."

Premier Rodney MacDonald smiles as he leaves the room following an election-style speech in front of Progressive Conservative caucus members and political staff at the World Trade and Convention Centre yesterday.

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**"The premier is attempting to blame others for his inability to do the job."**

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil

**MORE COVERAGE, PG 2**

# Confirmed swine flu cases climb to 13 in Canada

**HEALTH** Canada's total number of confirmed cases of the influenza grew to 13 yesterday as Alberta confirmed its first two cases, Ontario revealed four cases and British Columbia confirmed its third. Nova Scotia had previously reported four cases of the flu.

The previously unknown virus has claimed the lives of up to 159 Mexicans and sickened as many as 6,000.

There are 68 confirmed cases in the United States and confirmed cases have been reported in Israel, New Zealand, Scotland and Spain. Suspected cases were being investigated around the world yesterday as governments and industry took action to prevent the spread of the disease.

Health experts are puzzled as to why the illnesses

## Swine flu notebook

- The National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg, said researchers have now learned the incubation period is from two to seven days, which is comparable to the seasonal flu.
- Hundreds of students at St. Francis Preparatory in Queens, N.Y., developed symptoms consistent with swine flu, although many hadn't been tested to confirm it, officials said.

in the U.S. and Canada are milder than the cases in Mexico and are waiting for

more data from Mexican authorities. Each Ontario patient suf-

fered fever, cough and respiratory ailments but none were hospitalized or given antiviral medication. Dr. David Williams, Ontario's acting chief medical officer of health, said yesterday. Another 20 potential cases are under investigation, said Williams, but he cautioned those numbers are fluid.

**TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**  
**MORE COVERAGE, PGS 2, 5, 6 & 8**



Expect traffic delays as work will recommence on Bayview Road from Trillium Terrace to Bedford Highway starting today, with an end date set for June 3. The work includes curb, gutter, sidewalk and resurfacing. There will be stop and go traffic during this work. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Local



## Record-breaking heat

It was a late April scorcher, and a record breaker, too. Yesterday's beautiful sunny skies led to an unofficial high recording of 29.3 C at Halifax International Airport, smashing the old record for April 28, which was 19.4 C set in 1974. Today's forecast is for sun again, but a more seasonable 13 C.

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## We are the 'underdogs': NDP

Dexter says Tories trying to blame opposition for forcing vote

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**With a provincial election all but inevitable, Darrell Dexter said he sees his party as the underdog.**

"I think we're going in as the underdogs in this fight. We're taking on a very powerful government with a very long history. We have well-financed opponents," said the leader of

the provincial New Democrats.

Polls, however, have put Dexter consistently in first place since the last election in 2006. Stephen McNeil, leader of the third-place Liberals, didn't comment on Dexter's remark other than to say it seemed the NDP leader was campaigning already.



Darrell Dexter

Both opposition parties find themselves in the same boat in that Rodney MacDonald's Progressive Conservatives are blaming them for forcing an election that would delay needed stimulus money. The Conservatives can't implement their \$1.9-billion Building for Growth plan unless their budget is

passed.

And both opposition parties have hit back with the same argument — if the Tories wanted to help the economy they should have recalled the house months ago.

The Tories need to pass a finance amendment allowing them to spend \$100 million in offshore money. Dexter called the bill a way to orchestrate an election while blaming it on the op-

position.

McNeil said he also won't support the amendment, and the Tories knew that.

"I made it clear to (MacDonald) months ago that I wasn't prepared to change legislation that would retroactively save his financial bacon," he said.

"This ball is in his court. The premier knew where and how far I was prepared to go."

## Casey gets new job in Ottawa

**POLITICS** Bill Casey has found a new job, but he is not leaving Ottawa.

The longtime MP for Cumberland Colchester Musquodoboit Valley announced yesterday morning he has agreed to a position with the provincial government.

He will assume the position of intergovernmental affairs senior representative in Ottawa, replacing Ian Thompson, who has had the position since Nova Scotia opened the office in the nation's capital in 2006.

"It's going to give me a chance to promote the province of Nova Scotia," Casey said. "At heart, I am a salesman and I am good at it if I believe in my product, and I certainly believe in Nova Scotia and the people of Nova Scotia."

Casey gained a cult-like following after standing up for the province in 2007 by voting against the federal Conservatives' budget that altered Nova Scotia's cherished offshore agreement, the Atlantic Accord.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

## No new swine flu cases, but officials expect more

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**HEALTH** No new cases of swine flu were reported in the province yesterday, the second day in a row for Nova Scotia after it was announced Sunday that four King's-Edgehill students were diagnosed with a mild form of the potentially deadly disease.

Still, a swine flu update by the province continued to warn more cases are expected, and while only mild cases have occurred here, health officials can't rule out whether increased numbers will lead to more severe cases and even deaths.

Also yesterday, the Capital District Health Authority announced plans to open an influenza assessment clinic for residents of Windsor and West Hants starting today. It will be located at

Hants Community Hospital, and will be for Windsor-area residents who are experiencing flu-like symptoms, which will help alleviate congestion in the hospital's emergency department.

About 50 students and staff at Windsor-based King's-Edgehill have been sick this month, and many of those remain in isolation. The four students, two of whom returned from an early April trip to Mexico, are the only confirmed cases of swine flu in the province.

Locally, the Halifax Regional School Board is keeping a close eye on a group of 16 students and four adult chaperones, which travelled to Mexico in mid-March. The students, one representing each high school in the region for a leadership conference, are all in school feeling fine, but are still being individually checked.

## Play ON! QMJHLers show off street hockey skills



Moncton Wildcats left winger Matt Brown and Halifax Mooseheads centre Gerrard Grant chase after the ball during a street hockey game at the Halifax Common yesterday. Players from both teams will be taking part in the Play On! national street hockey tournaments in Moncton on June 6 and 7 and in Halifax on June 20 and 21.

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What's online today.

**Video** A failure to adapt to a changing market led to the demise of Pontiac at metronews.ca/canada  
**Blogs** Hollywood Rants about lesser known superheroes that deserve the Hollywood treatment.

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## Container terminal gets initial OK

The province gave the green light yesterday to a proposed container terminal in Sydney, but under conditions. The Laurentian Energy Corporation successfully completed a provincial environmental assessment, and now must follow an approved plan at reducing and recycling waste, and protecting the environment. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Sebastien Izambard, David Miller, Carlos Marin and Urs Buhler, collectively known as Il Divo, perform at the Halifax Metro Centre last night.

## Il Divo has fans swooning

International quartet performs before packed Metro Centre

JON TATTRE  
for Metro Halifax

The blue strobe lights swept the packed Metro Centre last night, a giddy crowd awaiting the entrance of Il Divo. The rumble turned to a roar as the four singers entered from the back of the elegant stage and electrified the thousands of devotees with a power performance of *Somewhere*.

The international quartet belted out ballads to a backdrop of flaming wedding gowns, mysterious women and the deepest realms of the universe.

**"The last time we were here, we were buried in snow."**

David Miller, thanking Halifax for the weather

David Miller, the American, thanked Halifax for the weather.

"The last time we were here, we were buried in snow," the tenor said.

Sounding like mountains serenading the sky, Il Divo worked through a mix of classical music and pop songs on the opening night of their North American tour. They added a few unrecorded (by them) numbers, including strapping Bridge Over Troubled Wa-

ter to a Learjet and taking the old Simon and Garfunkel tune for a ride.

When Carlos Marin stepped forward, he had the crew turn on the house lights so he could check out "the beautiful women."

"Did you miss me?" he asked. The roaring suggested yes. Just in case he hadn't won them, he dedicated Mama to all the mothers in the house.

The Divos added a little Can-con with an air-shak-

ing rip through Leonard Cohen's classic Hallelujah.

Ahead of closing the show with a rousing rendition of My Way, Miller thanked the crowd, admitting that when Il Divo formed five years ago, the guys expected it to last a year or two.

"We're still here because of you," he said.

The stage went dark, but the lights stayed off as the jam-packed Metro Centre stomped and shouted for an encore.

They got it when Marin, Miller, Urs Buhler and Sébastien Izambard strolled back out for Amazing Grace, a very sweet sound indeed.

## Police investigate fresh bullet holes

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**CRIME** A resident returning home from several days away arrived back yesterday night to notice four bullet holes on her house on Chebucto Lane, which is behind the Dartmouth Shopping Centre.

Halifax Regional Police arrived shortly later to confirm

there were multiple bullet holes at the residence, and an overnight search located evidence of a shooting.

Police spokesman Const. Jeff Carr said yesterday police couldn't say for certain whether these bullet holes are in relation to reports Friday night of several gun-

shots being heard behind the shopping centre.

"What was found (Monday) night could certainly be a result from the shots heard Friday evening," Carr said.

Carr also didn't know if these bullet holes were related to Jimmy Melvin Jr. arriving at the QEII Health Sciences Centre on Friday evening with a bullet wound to his upper body.

Police say Melvin Jr., a well-known Halifax crime figure, has been repeatedly unco-operative in telling them how he came to be shot. He is now recovering in hospital.

"It would simply be a guess if they were or not related," Carr said.



Jimmy Melvin

### News in brief

**POLITICS** Provincial Treasurer Wes Sheridan is setting up four "mini casinos" across Prince Edward Island, Conservative Jim Bagnall said in reaction to a provincial request for pro-

posals for gaming centres that could house up to 25 video lottery terminals. The province now limits the number of VLTs to five per establishment.

CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

### Drunk driving case finally seeing court

**CRIME** Three years after the offence allegedly occurred, a 28-year-old Halifax man is facing charges in New Glasgow provincial court for a number of drunk driving charges.

Shannon Joseph D. Dugay is accused of driving while his licence was revoked, impaired operation of a vehicle and failing a breathalyzer. The offences allegedly occurred on Oct. 1, 2005, near Acadia Street in New Glasgow.

Despite some initial confusion about how the matter ended up back on the docket this week, Judge Theodore Tax was told Dugay was picked up on a warrant issued by the courts after he failed to show up on the original promise to appear back in 2005. Yesterday was actually Dugay's first appearance on the matter. He will be back in court on May 25 to enter a plea.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

## Council eyes new four-pad arena

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**FUNDING** A new four-pad arena that could open next year in Bedford topped Halifax Regional Council's spending priority list through funding from the other two levels of government.

The decision was made last night as council went over a HRM staff list of 20 "shovel-ready" projects put together earlier this month when it became clear the federal government was putting hundreds of millions of stimulus dollars up for infra-

structure projects.

Council picked the four-pad arena No. 1 because they say the project also meets the criteria of the province's economic stimulus fund, including it being substantially completed by March 31, 2011.

A funding application is being forwarded today, with an estimated cost of \$40.4 million. A new central library and another ferry for the Woodside route top the priority list for money available through the federal government's Build Canada Major Infrastructure Component. The library is estimated to cost \$55 million.

The new Woodside ferry would run about \$12 million. Also at council last night, a new transit tax structure was approved.

Under the new system, taxes will be raised using a combination of an assessment-based regional transit tax as well as a local transit tax paid by all properties within three kilometers of a bus stop.

The regional transit tax will be 2.2 cents per \$100 of assessment, while the local transit tax will be 10.8 cents per \$100 of assessment.

The new tax rates won't take effect until council approves the 2009-10 budget.

## Police searching for man in pizza place robbery

**CRIME** A pizza deliveryman was robbed late yesterday evening while working at Linden Lea in Dartmouth.

Halifax Regional Police say at 11:28 p.m. the work-

er was robbed of his delivery and an undetermined amount of money by a man the victim described as black and between the ages of 30 and 35. The sus-

pect was also said to be wearing blue jeans, a green shirt and a black bandana over his face.

The investigation continues. **METRO HALIFAX**

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A contentious issue of clawing back a fuel surcharge from truckers working on Nova Scotia infrastructure projects has been removed. Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Minister Brooke Taylor recently made the announcement at the Truckers Association of Nova Scotia annual general meeting. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

# Lobster fishermen getting buttered

**FISHING** Lobster fishermen will now have to get a permit before they sell directly to customers.

Last year fishermen took to roadsides and parking lots to sell lobster directly to Nova Scotians, saying they weren't making enough through grocery stores.

Yesterday the government cracked down. Fishermen must now pay \$40 for a permit to sell lobster. That money goes to the Department of Fisheries.

"Our safety people have recommended we should, for the good of the industry and the good of the community that buys lobster, that we should have some mechanism in place that ensures food safety," said Fisheries

Minister Ron Chisholm, who said he wasn't aware of any case of food poisoning from roadside lobster, but was concerned about possible contamination. Vendors must keep records of sales and present them to the government on request. Fishermen can still sell lobster from their docks without a permit.

The news did not go over well with NDP Fisheries Critic Sterling Belliveau. "The price of lobster is already largely out of control of the fishermen. Now red tape will limit their ability to sell directly to consumers and impede (them) from providing for their families."

PAUL MCLEOD/METRO HALIFAX



Paul Hickey, father of Kyle James Hickey, lays a wreath in memory of his son during a ceremony outside Province House marking the National Day of Mourning for workers killed on the job this year. Twenty-nine Nova Scotians were killed in workplace accidents in 2008. Hickey died last March after an explosion at a Dartmouth body shop.

## 29 workers remembered

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for Metro Halifax

**Hundreds of people gathered outside of Province House yesterday to remember the 29 workers who died on the job in Nova Scotia last year. The 25th annual National Day of Mourning cast a dark shadow on a sunny day, as 2008 saw more workplace deaths than any year in this province since the 1992 Westray mine disaster.**

Nancy MacCready-Williams, head of the Workers Compensation Board, said they were studying the reports to find a reason for the high number, but no patterns had emerged in the fatalities that ranged across industries.

"Typically, we have seen between 20 to 25 fatalities a year, which is obviously way too many, but this year we saw more than that," she said. "There is a workplace injury in this province every 15 minutes."

She paid tribute to the "29 people who aren't going back to work the next

day, who didn't wake up on a beautiful spring day today and who are never going home to their families."

Brenda LaPierre spoke about her son, Jamie, who died on the job nine years ago. The 21-year-old lost his life on a barge in Cape Breton.

LaPierre said the devastating death of her son was especially hard on her husband, who had worked for the same company for 40 years and continues to work there today.

"Go check out where your kid is working. As parents, my advice to you is don't take it for face value that there's a safety person on the job," she advised.

Progressive Conservative Labour Minister Mark Parent took time to remember the "29 people who, if just some little thing happened differently that day, would still be with us today."

"Their message to us, if they could speak today, would be to be ever vigilant in our commitment to incorporate safety ... measures not only in the workplace, but in the home as well," he said.

### News in brief

**PLAY** The East Coast premiere of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize runner-up for drama THOM PAIN (based on nothing) by Will Eno is showing at The Bus Stop Theatre on Gottingen Street tomorrow through May 10. The solo show is a play that tackles life and love, with local actor Stewart Legere playing THOM

PAIN, a man who catalogues the eternal agonies of the human condition into a last-ditch plea for empathy and enlightenment. Tomorrow's show is a pay what you can preview, with opening night, May 1, costing \$30. Tickets for the remaining shows are \$15 and \$20. Show time is 8 p.m. **METRO HALIFAX**

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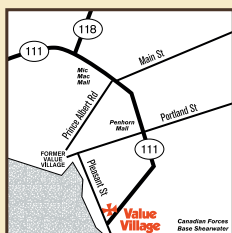
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# Jeweller bucks economic trend

A Winnipeg-based business is bucking the downward trend in these tough economic times. Ben Moss Jewellers is opening seven new stores this year. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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# Canada

## Masking the flu fight

Facemask designed in Canada catches world attention

**A designed-in-Canada facemask, borne out of the 2003 SARS crisis, is catching the attention of governments and health-care institutions from around the world as fears of a pandemic continue to soar.**

Toronto-based FaceSeal Technologies is already working with officials in Mexico, and is fielding requests for its next-generation facemasks from Israel, Germany, Korea and the Philippines. Hospitals, EMS and other front-line services in Canada and the U.S. are also interested in the facemask.

"We are trying to rev up

production as quickly as possible because we are getting so many demands," said Dr. Gabor Lantos, a co-inventor of the facemask and director of personal protective equipment development at FaceSeal Technologies.

The formfitting facemask, technically called a respirator and dubbed FitSeal, adheres to the face without the need for elastic bands and completely seals off the nose and mouth. Lantos said FitSeal is designed to better protect front-line workers from airborne

infectious disease, including influenza.

**TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Governments dealing with swine flu are taking notice of a facemask designed in Canada during the 2003 SARS crisis.



TORSTAR FILE PHOTO

## Vancouver Swine flu spreads



Dr. Danuta Skowronski of the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control announces a third case of swine flu in the province during a news conference in Vancouver yesterday. The number of confirmed cases in Canada now stands at 13.

## Family of violent crime victims meet

**EDMONTON** A 14-kilogram boulder aimed at a school bus was hurled off an overpass on Edmonton's Whitemud Drive, killing Robert Stanley instantly.

"I finally found out what remorse was all about," he said. Robert Stanley was killed in June 2002, when that falling boulder smashed through the windshield of the school bus he was driving. The expression of regret came from one of the two men,

who were both 15 at the time, over a prank that went horribly wrong.

People shattered by violent crime met yesterday at Edmonton's Grant MacEwan College, sharing how restorative justice helped them heal.

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Russian President Dmitry Medvedev fired Moscow's police chief yesterday, a day after an off-duty senior officer killed three civilians, the Kremlin said. The head of a Moscow police station, Denis Yevsyukov, opened fire in a supermarket after having a violent argument with his wife and father-in-law at his birthday party, police said. **REUTERS**

# World



## Obama requests \$1.5B for flu

U.S. President Barack Obama asked congressional leaders for an additional \$1.5 billion yesterday to enhance the U.S. response to the swine flu outbreak. White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the funds could be used to build up antiviral stockpiles, develop a vaccine, support the U.S. public health response to the outbreak and help international organizations stem its spread. **REUTERS**

## Deadly flu's reach widens

New swine flu infections were found around the world yesterday and the specter of a pandemic began to hit the travel industry as governments warned people to stay away from Mexico where 159 people have died.

The United States said it now had 68 cases of swine flu. New cases were also confirmed in Israel and New Zealand, while Scotland and Spain currently have two confirmed.

The United States, Canada and the European Union advised people to avoid non-essential travel to Mexico, and Cuba suspended all flights to and from Mexico for 48 hours.

Mexico has shut all schools across the country

### No origins yet

• Keiji Fukuda, World Health Organization acting assistant director-general, said it was too early to pinpoint the origins of the virus, and that there was still no solid explanation why cases in Mexico have been more severe than in other countries.

until at least May 6 and in the capital, restaurants, bars, cinemas and stadiums have been ordered closed to limit new infections.

The World Health Organization said a pandemic is not yet inevitable but that countries should prepare for the worst, especially poorer nations. **REUTERS**

### Civil rights Truth in Washington



U.S. first lady Michelle Obama unveils a bust of 19th century civil and women's rights activist Sojourner Truth in Washington yesterday. Obama spoke on her own ancestors' rise from slavery as she discussed the legacy of Truth, who gave her signature "Ain't I a Woman?" speech at a women's rights convention in 1851.

## Pakistan begins offensive against Taliban militants

**RAWALPINDI** Pakistani forces backed by jets and helicopter gunships began an offensive yesterday against Taliban fighters in a valley just 100 kilometres north-west of Islamabad, part of a new campaign to halt the rapid advance of the militant Islamists.

Military spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas said he expected it would take up to a week to clear an estimated 500 militants from Buner district, the latest target of an operation launched on Sunday.


The Taliban's creeping advances across Malakand have raised alarm in Washington that militants were zeroing in on Islamabad and have stoked fears the country was on the verge of sliding into chaos.

Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari agreed this month to impose Islamic sharia law in Malakand in a vain bid to persuade the Taliban in Swat to lay down their arms. Instead, emboldened by the concessions, Taliban fighters began spreading. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**PIRATES** A Russian warship captured a suspected pirate vessel with 29 people on board, Russian news agencies reported yesterday. The Admiral Panteleyev anti-submarine ship seized the vessel 24 kilo-

metres off the coast of Somalia yesterday. Seven rifles, various pistols and an aluminum ladder were discovered, and satellite navigation equipment and a large amount of ammunition was also seized. **REUTERS**



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# Moralists now stalking Craigslist

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Craigslist founder Craig Newmark was in Vancouver yesterday, but on the advice of his lawyers, he kept a low profile. So he cancelled all his media interviews and confined his remarks to the

Mortgage Brokers Association of British Columbia, a comparatively safe crowd.

The reason? An alleged serial stalker/killer has managed to do what his newspaper competitors have failed to do: Put Newmark on the defensive.

Prosecutors think a Boston University medical student, Philip Markoff, stalked women who placed erotic ads on Craigslist, and accuse him of killing one of his victims, 25-year-old Julissa Brisman, who advertised her, um, massage services on the site.

And that has brought out the moralists in force. Newmark now faces a lawsuit in Illinois, and if the rhetoric favoured by the Cook County sheriff is any indication, Newmark is in big trouble: "Craigslist is the largest single source of prostitution in the nation," he growled, as quoted in Computerworld.

Then there's the usual gang of people who start with "P": Police, psychologists, pundits, all of whom believe the Internet, never mind just Craigslist, is not a safe place to go 24/7, never mind after dark.

Newmark, who still runs Craigslist with a small band of dedicated webbies, comes across as an Internet idealist who hearkens back to the days when it was the domain of a few harmless geeks who thought they had a better idea: Free classifieds. But he's clearly a threat, if not to children, runaways, etc., then to the newspapers of the world.

Recently, for example, I advertised my car on Craigslist. I could keep the ad up there as long as I liked — for nothing. I received numerous inquiries from all

over Metro Vancouver, and finally sold the car to a happy customer. The same ad in one of Vancouver's daily newspapers would have cost more than \$100 a month, which is why classified ads are down and Canwest is consolidating its classified ad desk in ... Calgary. I'm just surprised the Aspers don't move the whole thing to Mumbai, where it's still possible to be a millionaire for a few more weeks.

So Newmark is not going to get a lot of sympathy in the media. Except here. It seems to me if he has to

shut down his erotic ads, all the traditional media who continue to subsist desperately on their own erotic ad sections will have to do the same.

But that's not good enough. There are still plenty of homicidal perverts lurking in the shadows cast by bricks and mortar ... and trees. So, just to be safe, let's shut down the bars, the schoolyards and the parks. That should do it.

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## Word on the street: Do you think airlines and governments are doing enough to ensure security on flights?

### Marc Leger

age 40,  
Waverly

A: There's probably always room for more security ... I do think that having armed marshals on board should be something that Canada should be doing.



### Megan Henwood

age 18,  
Parrsboro

A: No, not really. Look at what happened in Jamaica last week. ... Somehow some guy managed to get on a plane with a gun, so obviously something is wrong there.



### Desmond Pink

age 38,  
Dartmouth

A: Yes. There's only so much you can do. There are going to be occurrences where things get through, but for the most part I think they're doing a fine job.



### Mark Owen

age 17, Toronto

A: I've never flown in my entire life, nor will I ever, due to my lack of government confidence. ... My life in your hands? Maybe tomorrow.



### Asia Gourlay

age 21,  
Vancouver

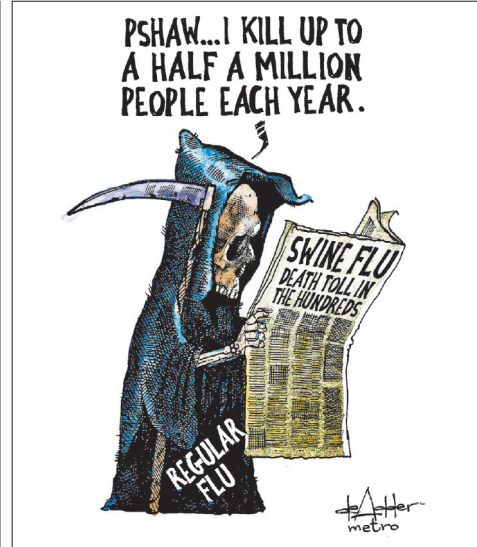
A: Airport security isn't bad; I think it's enough to ensure our safety ... Taking off your shoes and not bringing aboard shampoo isn't that much to ask.



### Jean-Guy Caron

age 58, Ottawa

A: They can do better. They have ways to find things. There should be no need to remove your belt ... What is someone going to hide in a belt?



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**Canad Inns backs out of Winnipeg water park plans**  
Hospitality company Canad Inns has pulled the plug on its planned indoor water park in Winnipeg. The city, however, is still interested in finding a company to build the attraction and intends to reissue an expression of interest. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Business

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## Mexico trips halted

Flu prompts companies to cancel bookings

**Thousands of Canadians could have their holiday plans disrupted as tour operators cancel Mexico bookings over the next month in the wake of the widening swine flu outbreak.**

Montreal-based Transat AT Inc., Canada's largest tour operator, said yesterday it is "postponing" flights from Canada to Mexico operated by Transat and its partner airlines until June 1.

However, the seller of packaged holidays will maintain its schedule of return flights, and will be adding new flights to bring home customers.

Transat said it took the measures because of the World Health Organization's decision to raise its

### Ships stopped

Carnival Cruise Lines said it had cancelled Mexico stops yesterday for three of its cruise ships due to the swine flu alert.

decision to raise its pandemic alert to Level 4, with Level 6 being a full-blown pandemic, and because of travel directives issued by governments of several countries, including Canada.

Air Canada and Air Canada Vacations are also suspending flights to Cancun, Cozumel and Puerto Vallarta until June 1 due to the outbreak. The airline will maintain service to Mexico

City, and flights to Cancun, Cozumel and Puerto Vallarta will continue until May 4 to bring home passengers.

Affected customers of both carriers will be allowed to rebook at a later date or travel to another destination, the companies said. However, passengers must cover the price difference if the rebooked vacations are more expensive and will not receive refunds.

Similarly, Sunquest Vacations said yesterday it was cancelling trips until June 4, giving passengers the option to rebook to other destinations, while Sunwing Vacations has cancelled all trips until May 29.

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### In brief

**CONFIDENCE** The U.S. Conference Board reported the biggest one-month jump in its consumer confidence index since 2005, with some expectations the economic downturn may be reaching a bottom. The index climbed to 39.2 from an upwardly revised 26.9 in March.

**MEAT** The European Union has no plan to restrict imports of meat, pork products or livestock from the United States because of the swine flu outbreak, the EU's executive arm said yesterday.

REUTERS

## Petro-Canada loses \$47M

**ENERGY** Petro-Canada, which is in the process of being acquired by Suncor Energy Inc., reported a first-quarter loss yesterday on plunging oil and natural gas prices.

The company lost \$47 million, or 10 cents per share, down from a profit of \$1.08 billion, or \$2.22 a share, in the year-earlier quarter.

Petro-Canada agreed last month to be bought by Suncor for shares initially valued at \$18.4 billion to create Canada's biggest energy company and a domi-

nant player in the Alberta oilsands.

With the deal expected to be wrapped up later this year, Petro-Canada is putting restraints on spending and husbanding its cash as it looks to weather oil and gas prices that have been deflated by economic turmoil and waning demand.

The weak results are not expected to result in a big drop in Petro-Canada's share price since it's backstopped by Suncor's bid of 1.28 of its shares for each Petro-Canada share.

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## The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

### CBRM council rejects cottage expansion:

Council in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality has voted unanimously to dismiss an appeal of the development permit application for a 39-bed expansion at the Northside Community Guest Home in North Sydney.

### Layoff notice cancelled:

Northern Pulp has cancelled a layoff notice it issued last week and instead reached an agreement with the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers' Union Local 440 to implement an early retirement and work re-organization plan that will result in the elimination of 20 permanent positions over the next 19 months.

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## Agency sees 22% export drop in '09

**TRADE** Canadian exports look set to drop 22 per cent in 2009, hurt by falling commodity prices and global consumer demand, causing the economy to shrink before steadying next year, Export Development Canada said yesterday.

The government-owned credit agency also forecast that exports are likely to stage a "comparatively modest" 7.4 per cent rise in 2010.

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**Billups wins award for sportsmanship**

Denver Nuggets guard Chauncey Billups claimed the Joe Dumars Trophy presented to 2008-09 NBA Sportsmanship Award winner, the league announced yesterday. The award is given annually to the player who represents the NBA in all phases of sportsmanship, including ethical behaviour, fair play and integrity. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Sports

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## Arena football offer for Vick

The Albany Firebirds of the arenafootball2 league have offered an incentive-laden contract to former Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick. Vick was suspended by the NFL in August 2007 after pleading guilty to a federal felony charge involving an illegal dog fighting ring. He is currently serving a 23-month prison sentence.

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# Hart back in charge

Halifax-based coach heading national soccer team for second time

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When Stephen Hart moved to Halifax in 1980, he loved soccer. But if someone had told him he would one day be one of Canada's most influential figures in the sport, the native of Trinidad and Tobago might have laughed heartily.

"I actually came to Canada to do a degree along the lines of something marine," says Hart, who is now interim head coach of Canada's men's team, as well as the technical director of the Canadian Soccer Association. "My intentions were completely different. But fate had it differently."

Hart played soccer for five years at Saint Mary's University, but got involved in coaching as a volunteer and studied international coaching techniques in his spare time.

He worked his way up the ranks gradually, starting as Soccer Nova Scotia's technical director in 1993; taking over as head coach



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When he moved to Halifax in 1980, Stephen Hart had plans on working in a marine field. He's recently begun his second stint as head coach of the men's national soccer team.

at Saint Mary's in the late 1990s; and eventually signing on as a youth coach with the CSA in 2002.

At times, he finds it hard to believe how life panned out.

"I am honoured and sometimes very flattered that I'm in the position I'm in," the 49-year-old admits.

This is Hart's second tour of duty as interim head coach of the national

team. He also had the job in 2007, when he led Canada to a semifinal finish at the CONCACAF Gold Cup. At the time, he was hoping to get the full-time gig, but the CSA went with Dale Mitchell, who was fired in March.

Hart was installed two weeks ago and will lead Canada into the Gold Cup starting July 3 in Los Angeles. He isn't sure if he will want the full-time job this time around.

"You never say no and you never say never," says Hart, who has a wife and three children and still calls Halifax home. "But it's a much different situation (than in 2007)."

He says he will sort things out after the Gold Cup, but his focus is on getting the program back on its feet after watching it fall short in World Cup qualification in November.

"You want to get into the knockout stages (at the Gold Cup) because anything can happen there," Hart says. "Hopefully, the team comes together and we can do well."

## SMU standout seeks new CFL team

**FOOTBALL** Former Saint Mary's Huskies receiver Dave Stala is looking for a new home in the Canadian Football League.

Stala, a free agent who has spent six seasons with the Montreal Alouettes, has worked out with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and Edmonton Eskimos recently.

Ticats general manager Bob O'Billovich said he of-

fered Stala a contract and is waiting to hear back.

"I expect we'll find out something about Dave this week," O'Billovich said. "We'll see what happens."

Stala has fallen off the map lately, catching only two passes in the past two years. But he had a banner year in 2005, hauling in 83 passes for 1,037 yards and five touchdowns.

## Sports in brief

**BASKETBALL** Halifax Rainmen star Eric Crookshank is running a basketball camp for kids aged 12-16 in support of St.

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## Axeman jumps in CFL draft rankings

**CFL** Acadia Axemen receiver Matt Carter jumped four spots in the final rankings for Saturday's CFL draft.

Carter, sixth in Atlantic University Sport history with 134 receptions, is fourth overall on the Scouting Bureau list, up from the No. 8 spot he held.

St. Francis Xavier X-Men offensive lineman Steve Myddleton slid six spots and checks in at No. 13.

## Local to play in OUA all-star game

**BASKETBALL** Accolades rolled in for Timberlea basketball standout Tasia McKenna yesterday in Thunder Bay, Ont.

McKenna was named Lakehead University's athlete of the year and will play in the Ontario University Athletics all-star game on May 9 in Waterloo, Ont.

The third-year guard averaged 13.5 points and hit 61 three-pointers in 22 games last season.

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Canada's Shea Weber, from left, Derek Roy, Dany Heatley, Martin St. Louis and Jason Spezza celebrate a first period goal on Slovakia yesterday during the World Hockey Championship in Zurich.

## Canada undefeated through preliminary play

**HOCKEY** Jason Spezza scored a pair of goals to lead Canada to a 7-3 win over Slovakia yesterday in the final game of Group A play at the 2009 World Hockey Championship.

Shea Weber added a goal and three assists for the Canadians, who wrapped up the preliminary round with a record of 3-0 and outscored their opponents 22-4. Steven Stamkos chipped in a goal and an assist in the victory, while Derek Roy, Ian White and

## Russians win Pool B

• In Group B play, Russia notched a 4-2 win over Switzerland to finish atop the standings with a perfect mark of 3-0. Ilya Kovalchuk notched

Shane Doan also scored.

Martin St. Louis chipped in four helpers while Dwayne Roloson made 34 saves for Canada, which will play next in the qualification round.

Slovakia, despite a

goal and two assists in the victory for the defending champion Russians, who swept their three games by a combined score of 16-4.

record of 1-1-1, also advanced to the qualification round from Group A, as the top three teams move on. Belarus also advanced from Group A after a 3-1 win over Hungary.

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## 10 sports

Penguins promote interim coach

The Pittsburgh Penguins appointed Dan Bylsma as head coach yesterday after his successful two-month stint as interim coach. **REUTERS**



Boyd Gordon of the Washington Capitals battles for the puck with Aaron Voros of the New York Rangers last night in Washington. The Capitals won 2-1.

## Capitals, Hurricanes win pair of thrillers

Stanley Cup

2009 Playoffs

**Sergei Fedorov's tally with just under five minutes left in regulation was the difference as the Washington Capitals posted a 2-1 victory over the New York Rangers in Game 7 of their first-round Eastern Conference series in Washington last night.**

Alexander Semin notched the other goal for the Capitals, who responded with three consecutive wins to take the series 4-3.

It marked just the second time in team annals that the club won a playoff series after trailing three games to one, following a Game 7 overtime victory

in the 1988 Patrick Division semifinals against the Flyers.

The second-seeded Capitals will face the four-seed Penguins in the second round.

Simeon Varlamov continued his stellar play in his first taste of the post-season, stopping 14-of-15 shots for Washington, which hadn't taken a playoff series dating back to a six-game triumph over Buffalo in the 1998 Eastern Conference finals.

Nik Antropov provided the lone score for the Rangers, who failed to advance despite a 3-1 series edge for the first time in franchise playoff history.

**Hurricanes 4 Devils 3**

Jussi Jokinen and Eric

Staal scored 48 seconds apart in the final 80 seconds of regulation to lead the Carolina Hurricanes to a stunning 4-3 victory over the New Jersey Devils in the decisive Game 7 of their first round Eastern Conference series in Newark, N.J.

Tuomo Ruutu and Ray Whitney also scored for Carolina, which entered the third period with a 3-2 deficit but erupted late to shock the Devils. Jokinen tied the game with 1:20 left, and then Staal netted the game-winner with 31.7 seconds remaining.

Cam Ward finished with 32 saves for the Hurricanes, who will face the top-seeded Boston Bruins in the second round.

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## Celtics edge Bulls in OT

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In a series that has now featured four overtimes, Paul Pierce's shot went in and a bloodied Brad Miller's free throws didn't.

Pierce's jumper with 3.4 seconds left in overtime last night gave Boston the lead then the veteran Miller missed two free throws with two ticks left, as the Boston Celtics claimed a 106-104 victory over the Chicago Bulls and a 3-2 se-

ries advantage heading back to the Windy City.

Pierce made the shot when it counted, while Miller couldn't convert fouls after a hard foul from Rajon Rondo left him bloodied and dazed.

It was just another chapter in what is quickly becoming one of the NBA's best playoff series in years.

Pierce scored 26 points to go along with seven rebounds. Rondo tallied a game-best 28 points with 11 assists and eight rebounds.

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# Metro Drive

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## Electrifying kit

Leo Motors, a U.S.- and Korea-based company, has come up with a kit that can be used in any type of small to midsize vehicle platform to convert them into electric cars for real-world use for both highway and city traffic, Canadian Driver reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Romancing the hatch

## Mitsubishi introduces Sportback versions of Lancer

PETER BLEAKNEY  
for Metro Canada



The 2009 Lancer Sportback is available in two trims: the GTS and the Ralliart.

**You can't accuse Mitsubishi of bad timing. With auto buyers reportedly seeking smaller and more efficiently packaged vehicles to perform the daily chores, this seems a good time as any to introduce a hatchback ... er, sportback version of the compact Lancer sedan.**

The numbers certainly support this. While Canadian compact four-door sales were up 7.6 per cent in 2008 over the previous year, compact five-door sales increased 14.4 per cent. Think Subaru Impreza hatchback, Toyota Matrix, VW Rabbit, Mazda3 Sport, Honda Fit, Dodge Caliber and Pontiac Vibe.

Joining this party is the 2009 Lancer Sportback, currently arriving in Mitsubishi showrooms. It comes in two trim levels: the front-wheel-drive GTS starting at \$23,498 and the all-wheel-drive Ralliart that bows at \$33,498. Both cars roll on 18-inch wheels, are mechanically identical to their four-door counterparts, and carry a price premium of \$500.

The Lancer sedan is a handsomely chiselled piece, and this hatch version expands on those good looks.

The Lancer's hatch takes up a large swath of real estate, stretching from the top of the back bumper to just beyond the heads of the rear seat passengers. Lift over height is low, and with the 60/40 rear seats folded, the nearly flat load space expands cargo volume from 390 to 1320



### 2009 Mitsubishi Lancer GTS Sportback/Ralliart Sportback

**Type:** Compact hatchback  
**Price:** \$23,498/\$33,498  
**Engine:** 2.4L four/2.0L turbocharged four  
**HP/Torque:** 168 hp; 167 lb.-ft./237 hp, 253 lb.-ft.

#### Highlights

- Expands on the sedan's good looks
- Fun to drive

litres in the Ralliart, and up to 435 to 1492 litres in the GTS, thanks to a clever dual height adjustable cargo floor that drops 90 mm. The Ralliart doesn't get this because of the all-wheel drive mechanicals.

The GTS is powered by an all-aluminum 2.4L four that generates 168 hp and

167 lb.-ft. of torque at 4100 r.p.m. Standard is a fine shifting five-speed manual transmission paired with a progressive clutch. A six-speed would have been nice, but regardless, the GTS feels quick and highway cruising is relaxed, showing 2500 r.p.m. at 100 km/h.

Standard GTS features include Bluetooth connectivity, air con, seven airbags (front, side, curtain and knee), heated seats and mirrors, and six-months of Sirius satellite radio.

In all other aspects, the GTS Sportback drives like the GTS sedan, offering feelsome steering, a solid structure, good ride and nicely balanced handling.

The Ralliart Sportback ramps up the performance (and price) considerably, not at all shy about its jun-

ior-Evo status.

The ride is stiff-legged, the standard fabric Recaro seats grip like a mother-in-law's embrace, and the Evo's 4B11 2.0L turbo (detuned from 291 hp to 237 hp via a smaller single-scroll turbo and intercooler) feels plenty strong.

The Ralliart's only gearbox is the Evo MR's excel-

lent six-speed Twin-Clutch Sport Shift Transmission (TC-SST), operable by paddle shifters or the floor mounted shifter. Sport mode serves up quicker shifts at higher rpm, but the Evo's track-ready S-Sport mode, which will hang the engine at redline in every gear, is not found here.



The Lancer features a sombre interior swathed in hard black plastic.



The iconic Nissan Cube.

## Cube pricing revealed

Last week, Nissan Canada announced the pricing for the all-new 2009 Nissan Cube, which goes on sale across Canada for the first time this spring. With an MSRP of \$16,998, the base model is loaded with standard equipment including air conditioning, privacy glass, full power features, vehicle dynamic control system (VDC), anti-lock braking system (ABS), cruise control and remote keyless entry.

With a focus on safety, standard on the Cube are advanced airbags for both driver and passenger, side seat airbags (front) and curtain side impact airbags in the front and rear.

"Cube is a truly unique vehicle and in keeping with this Nissan is offering an extensive list of standard features seldom seen in this vehicle segment," said Jeff Parent, vice-president of sales and marketing with Nissan Canada.

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**Michael Goetz**

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added benefit of a commanding presence and flexible utility.

The production version of the dramatically styled prototype will be built at the Honda vehicle assembly facility in Alliston, Ont.

The model goes on sale this fall.

"The new Acura ZDX is designed to be a luxury performance coupe," said Jerry Chenkin, executive vice-president of Honda Canada Inc. "The dynamic coupe

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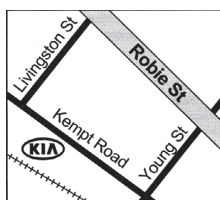
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# It's all about the best dog in show

## Paws and Claws

RAFAEL BRUSILOV  
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In a competition of looks, grace and genetics, dogs prove that beauty pageants aren't just for people anymore.

Indeed, dog shows are serious as the pups (and their owners) strut their stuff in the spirit of competition.

At a recent show taking



Collies and Dobermans pose for the judges and await the results at a recent dog show in Fergus, Ont. Right: A junior handler.



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place in the small town of Fergus, Ont., some competitors brought dogs from cities hundreds of kilometres away or even across the

U.S. border and judges converged from as far away as Manitoba, Texas and Brazil.

Edgar Bajona, show chair of the Fergus show, says the

tension and competitive spirit at shows is palpable as owners vie for glory.

"It's a tense time — you hope your dog is going to win and the thrill of victory is huge," Edgar said.

Judging standards are developed by breeders and codified by organizations like the Canadian Kennel Club and detailed specifics are put out on things like the shape of the dog's teeth, colour of its hair, its general appearance, how it walks and even its temperament.

Geraldine Taylor, 71, has worked as a judge at dog shows for 30 years and says that a love for dogs is crucial to remain successful as a judge, as well as a keen eye for detail.

"There's no perfect dog. You have to try and find the one that matches the stan-

dard most closely and there's always more than one good dog in the ring. It isn't an exact science," Taylor said.

Dog handler Christine Tochor, 23, handles dogs part-time for clients and says good handlers have to forge a meaningful bond with the dogs they handle.

"The dogs trust a lot in the handler, so you have to learn how to have a relationship with a dog," she said.

A love for dogs got her interested in handling but a fiercely competitive spirit is what keeps her coming back.

"I like to compete and I like to try and win. I'm certainly not here to lose, that's for sure!" Tochor joked. She was at the show to compete with her moth-

er's Great Pyrenees, Ace.

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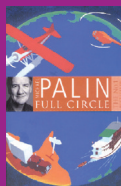
## Historical treasure

The 4,000-year-old Abraham's Gate at the Tel Dan Nature Reserve in northern Israel has reopened to the public after extensive restoration work. The reserve also has an archaeological site with the remains of the biblical city of Laish. See goisrael.ca. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Travel

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## Michael Palin, continued

Beloved ex-Monty Pythonite Michael Palin has made it big in the adventure travel realm, what with six TV travel series and an equal number of books under his belt. His bestselling book *Full Circle*, the story of a year spent journeying through 18 countries on the perimeter of the world's largest ocean, is being republished next month by McArthur & Company. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# A taste for Tunisia

North African country offers a wide range of landscapes

ROMINA MCGUINNESS  
Metro World News

**Move over Morocco — we've developed a taste for Tunisia.** While the former destination may be something of a default for travellers looking to take in the sights and sounds of North Africa, Tunisia can offer an amazingly diverse variety of experiences.

Visitors can find everything from the hubbub of markets to the glitz of a high-society seaside resort and the eerie desert landscapes that formed an otherworldly backdrop for *Star Wars*.

Start your visit in the capital, Tunis, a melting pot of African culture. The streets are busy with men who sit weaving jasmine petals into tight bunches — which locals wear behind the ear — and lined with European-style shops and cafés.

Avenue Habib Bourguiba, reminiscent of Paris' Champs Élysées, is home to some superb eateries, including the Café de Paris. This colonial haunt has a terrace designed for people-watching and serves the capital's best coffee. Make sure to include an afternoon visit to the Bardo Museum, which offers a look at some of the world's most valuable



A view from the romantic blue-and-white village of Sidi Bou Said, Tunisia.

### More details

- For more information, visit [tunisia.com](http://tunisia.com).

### Roman mosaics.

On the outskirts of Tunis is the Phoenician city of Carthage. This world heritage site has incredible historical remnants and architecture, from archaic amphitheatres through crumbling Roman ruins. It's a mystical place that provides the perfect backdrop for a dynamic music scene — the amphitheatre often doubles up as a concert stage.

The romantic blue and white village of Sidi Bou Said was once a pilgrimage site and has since been favoured by bohemian intellectuals who come to discuss art and politics over tea or dinner.

The village is perched on the hilltops, and local cafés have the best views over the bay of Tunis, providing you with the perfect excuse to lounge on the terraces and drink orange-blossom-infused Turkish coffee.

Then head southwards down the coast to the seaside town of Hammamet. Twenty years ago this fishing village was home to kitsch seaside hotels and swamped by package vacation tourists. Since then, the town's status as high-society's favourite address has risen as fast as August temperatures. This glitzy shore is basically the African equivalent to the French party town of St. Tropez.

The island of Djerba, off the Gulf of Gabes, is renowned for its seawater spa treatments and detox hotels. Visit the Synagogue el-Ghriba or shop at

Houmt Souk market on Monday mornings and browse for quirky leather bags, psychedelic clothes or bold and gold Berber jewels. If the spa treatments have worked their magic, cycle the 10 kilometres to the village of Guelala where you will find all sorts of pottery and the desert sand crystal, Rose des Sables.

The Sahara desert begins south of Chott el-Jerid, the salt lake used as a backdrop in *Star Wars*. By day, jump in a Jeep and discover the golden dunes and by night, start a campfire and sleep under Bedouin tents.

The lunar landscape of Matmata, built by the Troglodyte community, doubled as the town of Sidi Driss in *Star Wars*. The Berber dug craters beneath the earth and created an underground labyrinth in order to escape the stifling heat.

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- 4 Slime, Croatia:** Hard to believe that this rafting town has such an off-putting moniker. In fact, it's known for its beauty as well as its hospitality.
- 5 Hell, Cayman Islands:** Known for its eerie rock formations, the town has good-naturedly set up a post office so that postcards can literally be sent from Hell.
- 6 Truth or Consequences, New Mexico:** When the producers of the famous radio game show put out a call in 1950 for a town to name itself after the program and then host the show, this small spa city of about 7,300 people stepped up and changed its name. **REUTERS**

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Spain's El Bulli restaurant has held onto its place as the top restaurant in the world, according to the S. Pellegrino World's 50 Best Restaurants 2009 compiled by Restaurant Magazine. British chef Heston Blumenthal's The Fat Duck came second, and Copenhagen's Noma third. **REUTERS**

# Yoga atop the Canadian Rockies

## TheTravelJunkie

Julia Dimon

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There's nothing quite like doing "tree pose" at 9,000 feet. But there I was, balancing in this classic yoga position while taking in a panoramic view of the snow-capped Canadian Rockies.

This certainly isn't your average yoga studio. This is heli-yoga, a tourist activity that combines the meditative practice of yoga with a traditional helicopter sight-seeing tour.

Just a short drive outside Banff National Park near Alberta's Lake Louise, Icefield Helicopter Tours takes the conventional aerial experience one step further. This helicopter tourism provider has partnered with Martha's Heli-Hikes, an outdoor adventure outfitter, and together, they are offer-



Above, guide Martha McCallum leads visitors in heli-yoga atop the Wedding Knoll, a grassy clearing and matrimonial hot spot in the Rockies. Above right, a helicopter comes in for a landing.

ing a variety of high altitude activities, from hiking to snow shoeing, ice walking to yoga.

Tourists keen on connecting with nature may find themselves high on the mountain top, resting in "child's pose," overlooking some of our country's most stunning scenery.

A day excursion begins at the heliport with a brief safety lesson, a gear check and the distribution of tasty

gourmet packed lunches. After piling into the chopper and slipping on a set of noise-cancelling headphones (complete with fighter jet style microphones), the pilot is ready for takeoff. The blades rotate faster. The whomp-whomp sound crescendos. The chopper lifts off and hovers above the ground like a giant metal dragonfly. Even for the most jaded of flyers, there's something



truly exciting about cruising around in a helicopter!

We soared above the mountain range, keeping our eyes open for wolves, elk, grizzly bears and other wildlife found in the area.

Depending on the flight conditions, the helicopter can land in a variety of geographic landscapes, from the waterfalls of the raging Cline River to the ridge of Wedding Knoll, a grassy clearing and matrimonial hot spot.

The chopper found a safe pad to land and Martha, my guide and resident yoga expert, hopped out, mindful of the deadly blades swooping overhead. I followed her lead and braced myself

as whirls of wind whipped up sand and dust.

I got into yoga gear and prepared for my Hatha yoga lesson. Depending on the season, weather can change quickly and without warning, so it's best layer your wardrobe and prepare for sudden variances in temperature.

As my yoga mat flopped and folded with every gust, I slithered into Cobra position. Breathing deeply, relaxing and stretching at the top of a remote mountain somehow made me feel more connected with nature, with myself and the world around me.

While I enjoyed the experience, I can understand

why helicopter tourism is such a controversial topic in the area. Critics claim that helicopter tours aren't sustainable; that the noise and air pollution from the aircrafts can cause environmental damage and disturb the wildlife.

Martha herself admits the environmental irony of using a gas-guzzling machine to enjoy the pristine wilderness, but she maintains that "practising yoga in nature bring us closer to the Earth. Fuel and yoga might seem at odds with each other but the benefits of coming out here, into remote parts of the Rockies, far outweigh the negative effects."

After a series of poses and meditative moments, the lesson ended with a calm concluding "ooooom," a whispered "namaste," and a scenic helicopter ride back to the base. Icefield Helicopter Tours offers day heli-yoga trips in Alberta's Rockies at \$469 per person. Visit icefieldheli.com.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing on OLN; juliadimon.com.



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# Entertainment

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## Italian wedding

Hollywood couple Maggie Gyllenhaal and Peter Sarsgaard will marry in Italy in May, according to the New York Post. The pair has been dating since 2002, and have a daughter.

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# Wolverine takes a dark turn

Hugh Jackman sharpens claws for mutant role one more time

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Metro World News

**Hugh Jackman has made a career of leaping from genre to genre, proving he's just as adept in big, loud action films as he is singing and dancing on a Broadway stage — or even hosting the Oscars.**

But for most fans around the world, he's best known for the iconic role that made him famous in the first place: Wolverine.

It's a part he could have missed out on if he'd listened to his wife, who balked at the comic-book action in the pages sent over for Jackman's audition. "She put it down, saying,

"This is ridiculous. You were at the National Theatre with Sir Trevor Nunn. You can't be doing this," Jackman remembers with a laugh. "That's the only time she's ever been wrong, according to her."

Now, after three incredibly successful X-Men films that helped revive the comic book movie genre, the nearly indestructible mutant with the sour mood and the razor-sharp claws is getting his own movie, X-Men Origins: Wolverine, in theatres Friday. And even though he's stepping into the part for the fourth time, Jackman hasn't gotten tired of him.

In fact, it was Jackman's attachment to the charac-



Hugh Jackman stars in his own superhero movie, X-Men Origins: Wolverine, in theatres Friday.

ter that encouraged him to also take on the role of producer. "I wanted to protect as much as I could the Logan that I saw," Jackman explains. "I thought he got

a bit soft by X-Men 3. I wanted to make him a little darker, keep a little more edge to him."

He also hasn't gotten tired of Wolverine's signa-

ture muttontchops. "I'm so used to it now," he says. "Without it, I feel a bit weird. But you know, it's not a great look. You just look odd."

## Movie feature

Wolverine has always been a pretty macho character, but it turns out Jackman was never satisfied with exactly how macho he was until this film. "I didn't want people to go, 'That guy looks like he works out,'" Jackman explains. "I wanted them to feel danger, power. I wanted him to be veiny, animalistic."

To achieve the look, the actor spent a year in training, packing on pounds through weight-lifting, conditioning and eating. "I was eating for Australia," he jokes. "If it turns out that we should all be vegetarian and there's some kind of karmic debt to be paid for eating animals, I am some kind of gnat in the next life."

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	11	11	11	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	To Be Announced	La Petite Séduction (N) (SC)	Criminal Minds (N)	CSI: NY	NHL Hockey	Le Téléjournal
	2	2	2	CBC-F	Urgences (SC)	Squelettes	L'Épicerie	Engagement	Old Christine	Tous Pour Un (HDTV) (N) (SC)	Le Téléjournal	Le Téléjournal
	32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Collection (N) (SC)	Nos étés (HDTV) (SC)	TV 22 heures	TV 22 heures
	69	69	69	CFTM	TVA 18 heures	Le Cercle (SC)	Poulet-œufs or	Marché	Lie to Me "Undercover"	Bones (HDTV PA) (N)	News (N)	News (N)
	6	6	6	CHIF	Entertainment	ET Canada	(8:02) The Unusuals	CSI: NY "Yahzee!" (N)	Criminal Minds (N)	American Idol (Live)	EastLink Television	American Idol (Live)
	9	9	9	CJCH	etalk	Hollywood	CSI: NY "Yahzee!" (N)	Fuelin' Around	Doc Talk	American Idol (Live)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order
	10	10	10	ELTV	Swap Shop (Live)	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Lie to Me "Undercover"	Law & Order: SVU	National	National
	36	36	36	FOX	Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Lie to Me "Undercover"	Law & Order: SVU	National	National
news	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Law & Order "Rumble"	CBC News: The National	Legacy of War	Legacy of War
	29	29	29	NW	World News	Business	CBC News	Newman	Planet Earth "Jungles"	Cry for Help (N)	Ordinary Joe	Ordinary Joe
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	23	23	23	BNN	Business News	Headline	Market Call	Commodities	Workopolis TV	Business News	Market Call	Market Call
	18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room	Wolf Blitzer	The CNN National	Report Card	19th Hole (N)	Top 10	Big Break	Big Break
	54	54	54	GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10 (HDTV)	The Golf Fix	Quest-Card	MLB Baseball	Boston Red Sox at Cleveland Indians. From Progressive Field in Cleveland.	MLB Baseball	Score Tonight
	52	52	52	RSC	Hockey Central	Sportsnet Con.	NBA Basketball	Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Pimp My Ride	Pass Time	Amer. Thunder	Pinks Outtakes
	55	55	55	SPD	Off the Record	SportsCentre	That's Hockey	World Series of Poker: Europe	NHL Pre-Game	NHL Hockey: Conf. Quarterfinal	Wizards-Place	Life Derek
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	44	44	44	TOON	Ben 10	Johnny Test	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6TEEN	Futurama	American Dad	Robot Chicken
	26	26	26	TREE	Wonder Pets	Big & Small	Backyardigans	Night Grdn	Max & Ruby	Franklin	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos
	27	27	27	TVT	Drake & Josh	iCarly	In Real Life "Dirty Jobs"	CSI: Miami "The Score"	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter
	16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files	News (N)	Canadian Geographic	10 Countdown	Arts & Minds	Bravo/Videos	Wingfield	Wingfield
	70	70	70	APTN	News (N)	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown"	The Achievers	Landscape	Arts & Minds	Bravo/Videos	Wingfield	Wingfield
	50	50	50	BET	Street Legal "Softsell"	All About	Comedy Now	Struggle for Justice	World's Wildest Police Videos	Daily Planet (N)	House Hunters	Property Virgin
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	206	206	206	PIX	(6:30) A Soldier's Story (1984, Mystery)	(8:20) The Boys Club (1997, Drama)	Grandes reportages (SC)	Cashing In	About a Girl	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash
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	39	39	39	SHOW	Wife Swap	The Outer Limits	Skin Deep	Til Debt-Part	Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home *** (1986, Science Fiction)	UFC Unleashed	Ult. Fighter	Ult. Fighter
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## critics' corner

### The Mist

Many people aren't fond of driving in the fog, but usually they need not worry about being eaten by it. In this 2007 horror flick, people-eating monsters hiding out in the fog stalk small-town residents covering in a supermarket. Thomas Jane, Marcia Gay Harden, Laurie Holden, Andre Braugher and William Sadler star. 10 PM on M1



### Lost

Getting the cast and producers of "Lost" to spill any plot details is harder than solving some of the show's tantalizing riddles. All we know is that tonight's 100th episode — titled "The Variable" — apparently features Sawyer (Josh Holloway) very prominently, and there is a chance that Daniel Faraday (Jeremy Davies) may finally spill some major beans. Or not. You never know with this show. 10 PM on ABC ASN

### Law & Order

After an illegal immigrant is found unconscious but still alive on a service road, Detectives Bernard and Lupo (Anthony Anderson, Jeremy Sisto) embark on a controversial investigation into a series of nine hate crimes against Hispanic men, reflecting a dangerous bias in the community. Linus Roache also stars in the new episode "Promote This!" 11 PM on ASN. NBC

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Get Julia Roberts a bar of soap. At a Film Society of Lincoln Center event honouring Tom Hanks in NYC Monday, the *Duplicity* star, 41, dropped the F-bomb several times, *usmagazine.com* reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Julia swears like a sailor?**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Jesus rides on Madonna's fame?

**CAREER** Marc Jacobs has reportedly joined the campaign for Madonna's toy boy, Jesus Luz to stay in the country, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

According to a New York Post source, Jacobs "wrote a letter of support for Jesus' work permit" to allow him to stay in the country. "Marc campaigned for Jesus, saying he is highly talented and a necessity to the label."

So maybe all those rumours about Jesus starring with Madonna in the new

Louis Vuitton campaign are true after all then?

If not, at least he has the new Dolce & Gabbana menswear campaign to fall back on, while persistent rumours float around that he only got that gig thanks to Madonna's connections.



A source told the Post: "All these fashion lines are hiring Jesus as a favour to Madonna. As long as he can legally work in the U.S., they can be together."

However, Madonna's rep said she's

"not at all involved in managing the career of Jesus Luz. His Dolce job was arranged through his agents," and Madge hadn't asked anyone to help him.

According to *Gatecrasher*, Luz's fellow male models aren't so sure. At a recent catwalk event, "None of the other models would talk to Jesus or even look at him," a source says. "They were gossiping like catty girls about how they couldn't wait for his career to fizzle out."

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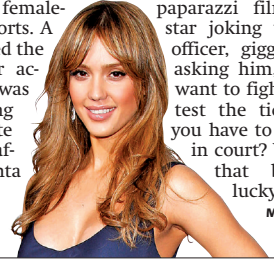
# Cop shows no mercy for Alba's driving ticket

**LEGAL** Actress Jessica Alba was pulled over by police in California last Friday for driving in the wrong direction down a one-way street, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. A cop approached the *Fantastic Four* actress after she was spotted driving in the opposite way to the traffic flow in Santa Monica.

Alba reportedly

tried to talk her way out of being reprimanded for the blunder — but police still issued her with a ticket.

Before she drove away, paparazzi filmed the star joking with the officer, giggling and asking him, "So if I want to fight it (contest the ticket), do you have to show up in court? Wouldn't that be your lucky day?"



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## Liam coping well, pal says

**PEOPLE** Liam Neeson "is doing extremely well" in the wake of his wife Natasha Richardson's tragic death last month, the actor's pal, Aidan Quinn, tells *usmagazine.com*.

"He's very grateful for all the love and support he's gotten from across the globe and from so many people," Quinn told *Us Friday* at the NYC premiere of *The Eclipse*. "He's got a great family and a great support system of friends, and they're all doing as well as expected under the circumstances."

Neeson's two sons, Micheal, 13, and Daniel, 12, are also "doing amazingly well," Quinn added. "You know, I think these things take a long time to probably sink in. There's no timetable for it. So they're doing great."



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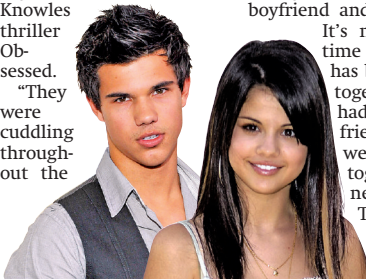
# Selena and Taylor's romance?

**RUMOUR** Selena Gomez and Taylor Lautner stepped out together in Vancouver over the weekend, sparking rumours that the Disney star and the *Twilight* hunk are more than just friends, *people.com* reports.

When they had a break from filming — him *New Moon* and her *Ramona and Beezus* — Lautner, 17, picked up Gomez, 16, at her hotel Saturday, and headed for dinner at the upscale Cactus Club in Coquitlam, B.C..

After dinner, they linked arms and walked to a nearby movie theatre to see the Beyoncé Knowles thriller *Obsessed*.

"They were cuddling throughout the



movie and sat very close together," says an onlooker. "(They were) definitely acting like they were boyfriend and girlfriend."

It's not the first time the couple has been spotted together. They had dinner with friends and were spotted together at a nearby café on Thursday.

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# JT forces tequila binge?

**PARTYING** Justin Timberlake forced girlfriend Jessica Biel to down shots of alcohol on the weekend, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

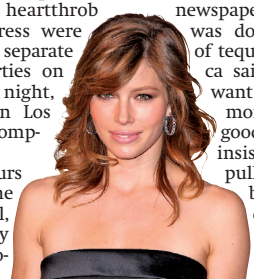
The pop heartthrob and the actress were guests at two separate birthday parties on Saturday night, both held in Los Angeles' Thompson Hotel.

A few hours into the evening Biel, 27, was ready to ditch alco-

hol for soft drinks, but 28-year-old Timberlake wanted to carry on frivolities.

One fellow reveller told the *New York Daily News* newspaper: "Everyone

was downing shots of tequila, but Jessica said she didn't want to drink anymore. Justin was good-naturedly insisted, so she pulled her hair back and drank up."



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# Spears' boyfriend okay

**CRASH** Good news for Casey Aldridge: Doctors at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Miss., said they plan to move the 19-year-old boyfriend of Jamie Lynn Spears out of the intensive care unit as early as Monday, a source close to the family tells *People* magazine.

"They said it was borderline whether he needed surgery or not," says the source,

"but they've taken some scans and see no further damage."

Aldridge, the father of Spears' 10-month-old daughter Maddie, has been hospitalized with a head injury that he suffered when he flipped his F-250 pickup truck on the driver's side on a two-lane road in Louisiana at 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

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# Heidi loves married life

**MARRIAGE** Heidi Montag is so thrilled about being married to Spencer Pratt that she can't stop updating her Twitter about it.

On Sunday — the day after the couple's wedding — she posted several updates, including "Watching movies and relaxing — this has been the best day as a married

woman."

And the next morning, she posted "Wow, what a morning! Waking up with my husband is beyond words! I'm so excited I'm really married! Forever!"

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# Lindsay takes off on tropical break

**PEOPLE** Lindsay Lohan showed off her super slim bikini body in Hawaii over the weekend, *usmagazine.com* reports.

The actress — who is on vacation with a few of her pals — read a book and sent text message as she worked on her tan Saturday. On Sunday, she dropped thousands of dollars on Gucci and Louis Vuitton bags.

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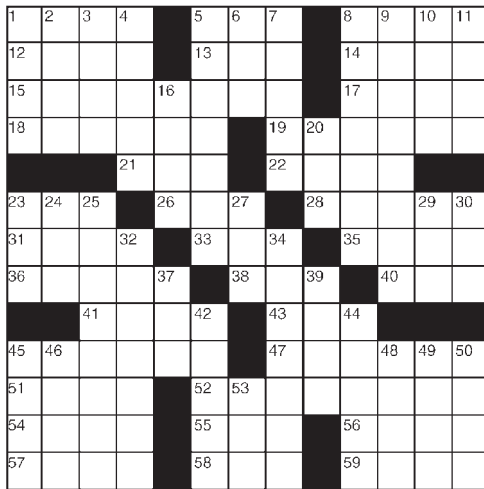
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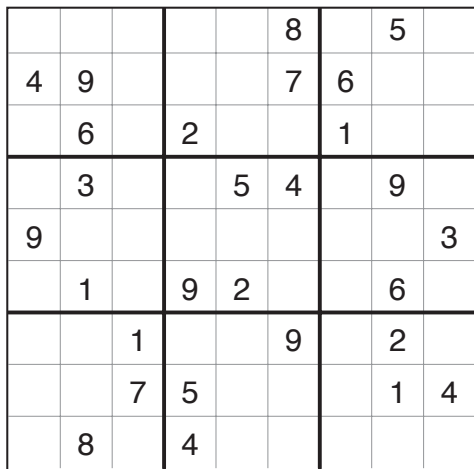
## Take Five



## Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



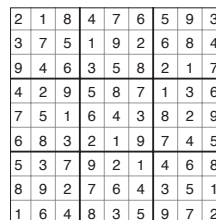
## Crossword across

- 1 Dodge model
- 5 Luncheonette order
- 8 Open a crack
- 12 Fork option
- 13 Bruce or Brenda
- 14 Glazier's sheet
- 15 Economic saves
- 17 Pocket bread
- 18 All over the place
- 19 Steering lever
- 21 Roulette bet
- 22 Impale
- 23 Cauldron
- 26 Family room
- 28 Hotel offering
- 31 Historic times
- 33 Clergyman's address
- 35 See 34-Down
- 36 Anxiety
- 38 Durable wood
- 40 Pair on stage
- 41 Easter symbol
- 43 CSA soldier
- 45 Rancher
- 47 Vacillate
- 51 Botanical angle
- 52 Infallibly problem-free
- 54 Kelly or Wilder
- 55 Army member
- 56 Shrek is one
- 57 Make — meet
- 58 Shaft of light
- 59 Snatched

## Crossword down

- 1 Scepter toppers
- 2 Castle protection
- 3 Depilatory brand
- 4 Hammock occupant
- 5 Screw-up
- 6 Hindrance
- 7 Criteria
- 8 Clap
- 9 Con
- 10 Initial stake
- 11 Caboose's position
- 16 As yet unpaid
- 20 "Monty Python" opener
- 23 Shooter ammo
- 24 Assoc.
- 25 Nature's way of hastening a flight
- 27 Modern (Prefix)
- 29 Greek cross
- 30 Id counterpart
- 32 Horses' housing
- 34 With 35-Across, 1927 melody
- 37 Latin 101 word
- 39 Howard of musicals
- 42 Considerably
- 44 Muddle with drink
- 45 "Face/Off" actor
- 46 The yoke's on them
- 48 Palm type
- 49 Frizzy do
- 50 Hebdomad
- 53 Santa —, Calif.

## PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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## SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min .....Genius  
13-17 min .....Scholar  
17-21 min .....Smart  
21-25 min .....Not bad  
25+ min .....Keep practising

## Metro Recipe of the Day



## Emerald Risotto

## INGREDIENTS:

5 cups (1.25 L) vegetable stock, or 4 tbsp (60 ml) vegetable bouillon powder  
5 tbsp (75 ml) white wine  
1 pack baby spinach  
4 tbsp (60 ml) virgin olive oil  
1 small onion  
2 cloves garlic  
1 3/4 cups (425 ml) risotto rice  
Salt and black pepper  
Whole nutmeg for grating

## METHOD:

1. Bring stock to boil in pot, or stir bouillon powder into 5 cups (1.25 L) boiling water. Add wine, reduce heat and simmer.  
2. Rinse spinach leaves, chop roughly and set aside.  
3. Heat oil in large pan or wok. Peel and finely chop onion and garlic and fry gently until soft but not brown, 2 minutes. Then add rice and stir-fry until

grains are translucent and coated with oil.

4. Add ladleful of stock, adjust heat to maintain gentle boil and stir until liquid is mostly absorbed. Keep adding stock, a ladleful at a time, and stir constantly until the rice is almost cooked, 15 minutes.  
5. Add spinach and more stock and boil, stirring, until rice is cooked — risotto rice should retain a bite, but mixture should be of a soft, dropping consistency.

6. Season to taste with salt, pepper and some freshly grated nutmeg. Serve straight from pan.

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## Horoscopes

## ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Strengthen your position by pointing out your leadership skills. A twist of fate damages morale. A woman won't work due to a quarrel.

## LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

A frightened person's character discourages attachment. Open your mind to see a different side of things. A clever accuser makes the rounds.

## TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

A wild person changes your mind. A sympathetic friend is available to promote your skills. See the humour when dealing with a faltering fool.

## SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

A man reveals his bad habits. A woman has a significant dream. Do the right thing to comfort and inspire others.

## GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

A new task is given to an enthusiastic job-hunter. Be ready to call about a machine. A loving guy is liberated after enduring terrible trouble.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

A strange form of insecurity may arise. Explain yourself when gossip incites unusual reactions. Joyful news magically appears.

## CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Something's gained when career plans stall. An illogical loss causes resentment and retaliation. An authority searches for a remedy.

## CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Get ready to follow your dreams. You'll be eager to move forward. Family issues are not your fault.

## LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Give due respect to an attendant. A new friend causes an inconvenience. A reality check disturbs others.

## AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Ruthlessness shouldn't be indulged. Restrain your temper with an overbearing person. Nostalgia grows when a younger person falls in love.

## VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Deception interferes with your sense of purpose. Make amends by being honest. A health scare causes a discussion.

## PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

A chirpy female's ironic remark defeats a plan. A lover's information may cause confusion. A miserable situation results from sadness.

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## WORDY GURDY

BY TROCKY RICKY KANE

1. Be in debt to actor Rob (1)
  2. Ogled the wedding bouquet topper (1)
  3. VP Joe gullupin' on a horse (2)
  4. Slugger Aaron's hot dogs (1)
  5. Cubo fish food shortage (2)
  6. Found the poundage of a lamp cover (1)
  7. Damaged-clothes fixer's mixers (2)
- ANSWERS:  
1. SALMON FARMINE 2. REIGNED SHADY 3. MEMBERSHIP 4. LANKS FRANKS  
5. EYED BRIDE 6. BIDEN RIBIN 7. LANKS FRANKS

## This day in history

APRIL 29, 1429: Joan of Arc arrives to relieve the Siege of Orleans.  
APRIL 29, 1882: The "Elektromote" — forerunner of the trolleybus — is tested by Ernst Werner von Siemens in Berlin.  
APRIL 29, 1945: World War II: The German Army in Italy unconditionally surrenders to the Allies.  
APRIL 29, 1967: After refusing induction into the United States Army the day before (citing religious reasons), Muhammad Ali is stripped of his boxing title.  
APRIL 29, 1968: The controversial musical Hair opens on Broadway.  
APRIL 29, 2004: Oldsmobile builds its final car ending 107 years of production.

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## 2008 PT Cruiser

Power Windows & Door  
Locks A/C Auto, Cruise,  
Alloys

~~\$15,995~~  
**\$13,777\***  
Was \$23,245 New!



## 2008 Caliber Sport

Power Windows & Door  
Locks A/C Cruise, Alloys,  
Foglights Cvt Transmission

~~\$17,995~~  
**\$14,777\***  
Was \$21,690 New!



## 2008 Sebring Touring

Leather, Sunroof, Alloys,  
Pw, Pdl, Pseat, Cruise,  
Tilt, Lw Kms, A/C, 2.7l  
Flex Fuel V6

~~\$18,995~~  
**\$15,777\***  
Was \$29,687 New!



## 2008 Avenger SXT

Sunroof, Spoiler, 18"  
Alloys, Foglights, 2.7l  
Flexfuel V6, Pseat, Pw, Pdl,  
A/C, Cruise, Tilt Low Kms.

~~\$18,995~~  
**\$15,777\***  
Was \$28,564 New!



## 2008 Caravan SE

Pwr Window Group, Pw,  
Pdl, A/C, Cruise, Tilt, Stow  
'N' Go, 7 Passenger, Tinted  
Windows

~~\$18,995~~  
**\$15,777\***  
Was \$29,320 New!

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